



Series: This is Life

Passage 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

Title Understanding God's Design for Sex

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Discussion Starter

Why is it so important that we understand God's design for sex? How would you relate this to someone who is not a Christian? How would you convey it to your children?

Principles Regarding Marriage and Singleness (1 Corinthians 7:1-9)

- In what context could not desiring to touch a woman be seen as something bad? What do you think Paul meant to convey back to the Corinthians questions in this verse?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:2. Do you think Paul is encouraging people to get married if they are struggling with sexual immorality? Do you think this is a good reason to get married?
- Read Proverbs 6:23-35 and 1 Corinthians 6:17-20. In Proverbs 6:23-35, two sins are mentioned and the ramifications of each are described. Explain how the two sins are different and what additional insights are gained from reading 1 Corinthians 6:17-20?
- As you have grown as a Christian, how has reading the bible changed your views on sexuality?
- How do we know that God wants us to be sexually satisfied? What are the boundaries God has set on seeking our pleasures and why?
- How are we to practically interpret the intent of the instructions given in 1 Corinthians 7:4 for our marriages? What does this look like for a man versus a woman?
- What are some of the reasons a man or a woman might deprive their spouse of sexual relations? What are some of the ramifications we see when this happens in a marriage?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:6-9. Summarize in your own words what Paul is conveying as he states "his wish that all men were even as he was himself". How has this verse been misinterpreted by the church and why?

God's Intended Purpose for Sexual Intimacy

- What is your view on procreation?
- Read Genesis 2:23-24. What is the intended purpose of God you see revealed in these verses?
- Read Proverbs 5:18-20. How do these instructions give us understanding to God's purpose for sexual intimacy?
- In what way does sexual intimacy in a marriage protect us?
- In what circumstances do we see that sexual intimacy providing needed comfort for a spouse?